

# Meeman-Shelby

## Did You Know?

The park was named in part for the late Edward J. Meeman, the courageous conservation editor of Scripps-Howard newspapers who was instrumental in establishing the site.

## Sustainability Features

### Natural Areas

In recent years, Meeman-Shelby State Park has made an effort to reduce the amount of land within the park that required constant maintenance such as mowing and watering. The park has converted approximately 250 acres of land from maintained lawns into native grasses. This transformation not only helps the environment through the reduction of water usage, fertilizers, and exhaust fumes from gas-powered mowers, it also provides a habitat for butterflies, dragonflies and damselflies.

### Lake Tours

During the summer months at Meeman-Shelby State Park visitors can participate in a deep swamp canoe float where they can discover remote and seldom seen areas of Eagle Lake. Also learn about the history of the area and the native flora and fauna while guided through the towering trees of the Bald Cypress swamp. Get an excellent view of a large heron and egret

rookery, see primitive fish splash by your canoe, and possibly glimpse a Bald Eagle.

Also during the summer, there are guided pontoon boat trips on the 153-acre Poplar Tree Lake. The tour provides an ideal opportunity for viewing the park's wildlife including herons, egrets, turtles, and beaver lodges as experienced Naturalists interpret lake history and native fauna and flora.

## Park Highlights



- Visited by 1.4 million people in 2011
- Located in Shelby County only 13 miles north of Memphis
- The park has one of the largest and most beautiful Frisbee Golf courses in the Southeast
- There are more than 20 miles of hiking and biking trails throughout the park

